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 EXPRESSION

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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

According to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)

Sir:

15 In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and the
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REMARKS

 The attached PTO 1449 form lists related art references for the above
identified application, including those identified in the International Search
Report, copy of which is enclosed herewith.


EXPLANATION OF RELEVANCE

References AA, AJ, AK, and AQ were identified in the International Search Report. References AA and AQ are in English. References AJ and AK are European patents respectively in French and German-English translations of the abstracts have been provided, and a full translation will be produced for the Examiner upon request. Reference AR was discussed in the specification, and reference AL, which is a German patent, provides general background information in the field. An English translation of the abstract has been provided for this reference, and an full translation will be produced for the Examiner upon request.

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